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PROGRAMME OF FUTURE WORK AND PRIORITIES

Revision of the Medium-Term Plan for the period 1992-1997**

Programme 28. International Drug Control

Note by the Secretariat

1. By its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly adopted the medium-term-plan for the period 1992-1997, including programme 28 on International Drug Control, together with the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination thereon. The plan as revised by the General Assembly was subsequently issued in document A/45/6/Rev. 1.

2. At its thirty-fourth session, the Commission was informed that the Committee for Programme and Coordination had recommended adoption of the programme on the understanding that it would be revised to reflect all recent mandates contained in the Global Programme of Action (E/CN.7/1991/16). In addition, the Commission's attention was drawn to the need to revise the programme to take into account the integration of the functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in a single new organizational structure: The United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP).

3. Pursuant to the above, and in accordance with the relevant parts of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987), revisions to the programme are submitted to the Commission for its consideration and review. The revisions reflect the programmatic changes resulting from recent mandates and, as appropriate, from the new organizational structure established recently to carry out the programme.

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4. The draft revised programme is divided into two parts: The first part describes in broad terms the general orientation, overall strategy, subprogramme structure and priorities of the programme. The second describes in detail the objectives and means of action for each of the five subprogrammes.

5. In order to improve the impact of the activities to be undertaken and implement them more efficiently, it is proposed to revise the number and titles of the subprogrammes in the current programme as follows:

Subprogramme 1.	Treaty implementation and legal services.
Subprogramme 2.	Applied scientific research.
Subprogramme 3.	Illicit trafficking, demand reduction and information resources management.
Subprogramme 4.	Operational activities and advisory services.
Subprogramme 5.	Promotion of international drug abuse control and inter-organizational cooperation.

This new subprogramme structure has three subprogrammes less than the current subprogramme structure adopted by the General Assembly in 1990. New subprogrammes as well as changes to the present valid text are identified in E/CN.7/1992/CPR.13 by underlining. The new subprogrammes four and five result from consolidation and new mandates, while the subprogrammes one and three are a consolidation of existing subprogrammes.

6. In accordance with the above mentioned programme planning Regulations and Rules, the designation of priorities by the competent intergovernmental bodies is required. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 41/213, 42/215, 43/219, 44/194 and 46/189, re-emphasized the importance of designating priorities. The Commission may wish to consider giving high priority to subprogrammes 1, 4 and 5, in order to reflect the fundamental importance attached by Member States to the treaty system, operational activities and cooperation. This should be done without prejudice to the importance of other components of the programme, which are complementary, equally essential and mutually reinforcing. In considering the priorities to be set among the subprogrammes, it should be borne in mind that the recommendations made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in this respect will be taken into account by the Secretary-General in revising the draft medium-term plan for submission to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Economic and Social Council, and the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. The proposed new subprogramme structure and narrative are preliminary; they might change once the draft has been revised.

As is the case with the regular programme budget, the approval of the medium-term plan is a prerogative of the General Assembly.

7. Bearing in mind the information provided above, the Commission may wish to provide comments and proposals on the following:

(a) The objectives and strategies proposed for the revised programme, as well as the changes in the subprogramme structure;

(b) The priority among the proposed subprogrammes, in accordance with programme planning regulations 3.15 and 3.16, taking into account the recent legislative mandates.

8. The Commission's Comments and proposals, as well as those by INCB in May 1992, will be taken into account when revising the text presented in E/CN.7/1992/CRP.13. A more comprehensive subprogramme restructuring and update of the narrative to reflect further additional mandates proposed by the Commission may be undertaken in the context of the next revision in 1994.